

**REMARKS**

The specification has been editorially revised. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 have been amended. Claims 1-11 remain in the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Pulvirenti. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended to obviate the rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended by moving elements from the preamble to the body of the claim, to emphasize that the claimed device includes the recited semiconductor chip and the driver transistor mounted thereon. In addition, the claim has been amended to emphasize that the plural transistors of the monitor transistor are “located relative to the semiconductor chip and the driver transistor such that changes in a property of the monitor transistor caused when force is applied to the semiconductor chip are balanced.” This is an important structural aspect of the claimed invention. Please refer to Applicants’ specification, page 2, line 21 – page 3, line 4, and page 14, line 16 – page 15, line 6.

Pulvirenti fails to disclose or suggest the invention of amended claim 1. Pulvirenti does not disclose or suggest any relationship between a driver transistor, a monitor transistor, and a semiconductor chip, and force applied to the semiconductor chip, but merely refers abstractly to a region of a chip (column 1, lines 29-31, and column 3, lines 33-35). Therefore, claim 1, as amended, should be allowable.

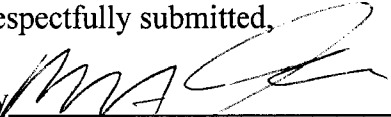
Claims 2-11 depend from claim 1 or have been amended along the lines discussed above. Claims 2-11 should be allowable along with claim 1 and for other reasons.

Allowance of the application with claims 1-11, as amended, is solicited.

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